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Dear Commissioners;

My name is Joel Austin. I live in Deer Park, Washington. It's a town supplied with power + gas by Avista. Sometime ago I received an email from Avista wanting to raise their rates. I am writing to you to say "no!"

Deer Park is nearly a third at poverty level income. One family a couple of winters ago at the church we attended had their power shut off during the winter cold months. The church was trying to raise a fund to pay their bill to get their heat back on. Any company that does that to people I do not support!

It's that company's choice to invest their money to update their systems - why do we have to pay for that luxury? It's like upgrading from a Chevy to a Cadillac and pass the charge onto someone else.

Avista is suppose to get a <sup>\$</sup>34.4 million dollar rebate effective July 1 2019. Hopefully they spent this on their wanted upgrades.

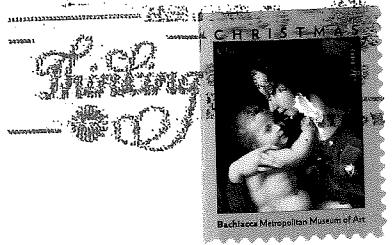
Why should the consumer pay for a personal wish list that trumps people wide of cheap gas + electricity. They can pay for their own Cadillac with their own funds and not pump more money out of us. Remember nearly 1/3 of Deer Park is at or below poverty level income. That's just Deer Park.

Work for the people! Please takedown their request. Have them work out their wish list with their own budget income.  
Remember us. Thank 4 your time. Sincerely, Joel Austin.

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